

STUDY TIMELINE AND PROCESS



*Schedule is subject to change.

Sound Transit's Long Range Plan

Sound Transit's Long Range Plan, adopted in 2005, identifies a future rail corridor operating primarily in an exclusive right of way between Downtown Seattle and Ballard that can provide a high level of passenger capacity, speed and service frequency. This study supports the Sound Transit Board of Directors in updating the Regional Transit Long Range Plan. Based on public input received throughout the study, the Board could consider options to include alternatives from this study in further high capacity transit corridor planning or in an update to the Long Range Plan.

City of Seattle's Transit Master Plan

In April 2012, the Seattle City Council adopted the Transit Master Plan (TMP), which focuses on using transit to connect communities in the City of Seattle. The TMP identified five corridors for investment and the Ballard to Downtown Seattle corridor will be the first one studied. The TMP also identified this as a rail corridor.



TRANSIT EXPANSION STUDY Ballard to Downtown Seattle

OPEN HOUSE
June 27, 2013
5:00 to 7:00 pm

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us tonight. The March Open House was a big success! Between the Open House and the online mapping tool, we received feedback on study goals and objectives, commute origins and destinations and ideas for potential routes from nearly 420 people. Since March, the project team has evaluated public feedback and conducted technical analysis of possible alignments for future transit between Ballard and Downtown Seattle. Visit stations around the room to:

- Hear how public input from March was incorporated into the study
- Understand the current technical analysis
- Provide your input on potential rail corridors and options

We encourage you to complete the comment form enclosed in your handout, which can be dropped in the comment boxes on the tables in the center of the room.

Project Overview

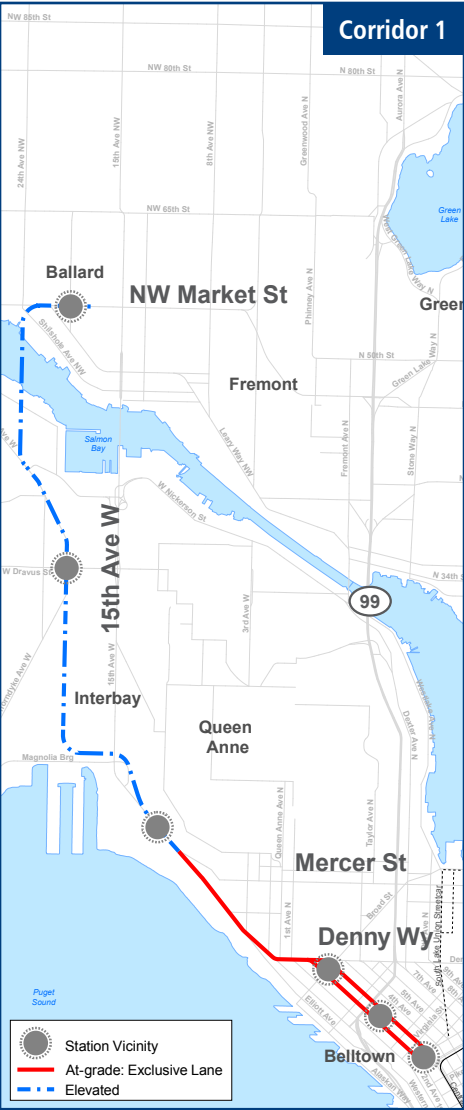
Sound Transit and the City of Seattle have been partnering on a study of possible rail transit improvements between Ballard and Downtown Seattle. By partnering, Sound Transit and the City of Seattle are increasing efficiencies and saving planning dollars during this project's development phase.

While any potential future transit extensions would be subject to Sound Transit and City policy decisions and identification of funding sources, it is important that planning in this corridor accurately reflect travel patterns made by area residents and businesses. Your input will help the project team evaluate the eight preliminary corridors between Ballard and Downtown Seattle.

Based on evaluation results and public input, the project team will identify up to four corridors to undergo further analysis, which will be presented to the public in a third open house (late 2013). Finally, in early 2014 the team will summarize, document and present their findings to the City of Seattle leadership and Sound Transit Board for possible future action.



CORRIDORS IDENTIFIED IN THE LEVEL 1 ANALYSIS



Interbay West/New Bridge

Cost:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: \$750 - \$1,000 M
85th St to Market St: N/A

Peak Period Travel Time:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: 14-19 min
85th St to Market St: N/A

Ship Canal Crossing: 140' Fixed Bridge



Interbay West/Ship Canal Tunnel

Cost:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: \$2,500 - \$3,000 M
85th St to Market St: N/A

Peak Period Travel Time:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: 12-17 min
85th St to Market St: N/A

Ship Canal Crossing: Tunnel



15th Avenue/Elevated

Cost:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: \$1,500 - \$2,000 M
85th St to Market St: N/A

Peak Period Travel Time:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: 11-16 min
85th St to Market St: N/A

Ship Canal Crossing: 140' Fixed Bridge

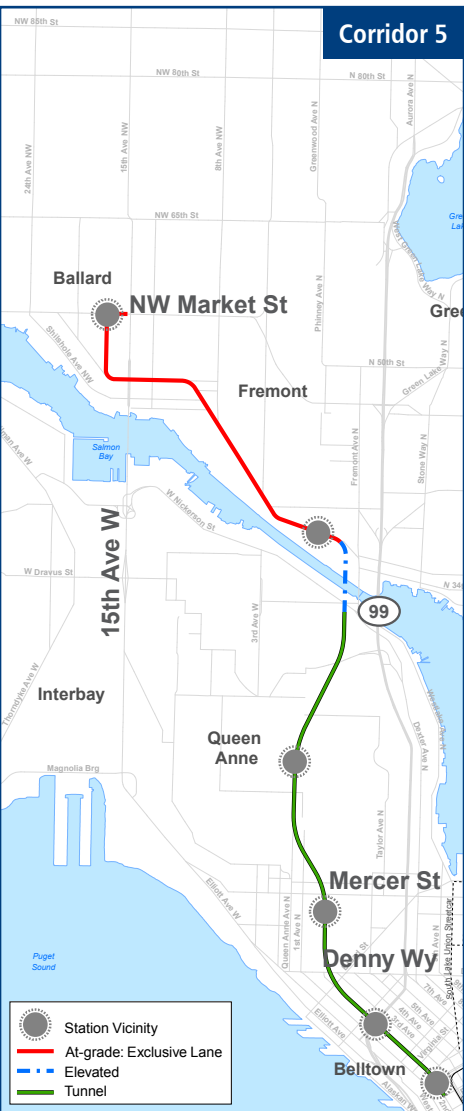


15th Avenue/At-grade

Cost:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: \$500 - \$750 M
85th St to Market St: Approx \$100 M

Peak Period Travel Time:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: 13-18 min
85th St to Market St: Approx 5 min

Ship Canal Crossing: 70' Movable Bridge



Queen Anne Tunnel

Cost:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: \$2,000 - \$2,500 M
85th St to Market St: N/A

Peak Period Travel Time:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: 15-20 min
85th St to Market St: N/A

Ship Canal Crossing: 70' Movable Bridge



Westlake/Ship Canal Tunnel

Cost:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: \$1,000 - \$1,500 M
85th St to Market St: Approx \$100 M

Peak Period Travel Time:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: 14-19 min
85th St to Market St: Approx 6 min

Ship Canal Crossing: Tunnel



Dexter/Fremont Bridge

Cost:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: <\$500 M
85th St to Market St: Approx \$100 M

Peak Period Travel Time:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: 18-25 min
85th St to Market St: Approx 5 min

Ship Canal Crossing: Existing Fremont Bridge



Westlake/New Bridge

Cost:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: <\$500 M
85th St to Market St: Approx \$100 M

Peak Period Travel Time:
Market St to Downtown Seattle: 17-24 min
85th St to Market St: Approx 6 min

Ship Canal Crossing: 70' Movable Bridge

TRANSIT EXPANSION STUDY

Ballard to Downtown Seattle

June 27, 2013 Open House Comment Form

1. Of corridors 1 through 4 on the west side of the Queen Anne Hill, which is your favorite? (check one)

- ☐ Corridor 1: Interbay West/New Bridge
- ☐ Corridor 2: Interbay West/Ship Canal Tunnel
- ☐ Corridor 3: 15th Avenue/Elevated
- ☐ Corridor 4: 15th Avenue/At-grade

Please tell us why you selected this corridor.

2. Of corridors 5 through 8 that serve Fremont, which is your favorite? (check one)

- ☐ Corridor 5: Queen Anne Tunnel
- ☐ Corridor 6: Westlake/Ship Canal Tunnel
- ☐ Corridor 7: Dexter/Fremont Bridge
- ☐ Corridor 8: Westlake/New Bridge

Please tell us why you selected this corridor.

3. Which of the eight corridors do you feel provides the best configuration for future rail transit between Ballard and Downtown Seattle? (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corridor 1: Interbay West/New Bridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Corridor 5: Queen Anne Tunnel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corridor 2: Interbay West/Ship Canal Tunnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Corridor 6: Westlake/Ship Canal Tunnel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corridor 3: 15th Avenue/Elevated | <input type="checkbox"/> Corridor 7: Dexter/Fremont Bridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corridor 4: 15th Avenue/At-grade | <input type="checkbox"/> Corridor 8: Westlake/New Bridge |

Please tell us why you selected this corridor.

4. Which type of Ship Canal crossing do you think is preferable?

- ☐ New 70 foot bridge that opens for marine traffic
- ☐ New 140 foot fixed bridge
- ☐ A tunnel under the Ship Canal
- ☐ Existing Fremont Bridge

Why?

5. Which is your preferred option for connecting to Downtown Seattle?

☐ An at-grade option

☐ A tunnel option

Why?

6. How important is it for rail to be expanded north of Market Street in Ballard?

☐ Not Important

☐ Somewhat important

☐ Very important

☐ No opinion

7. Take a look at the Level 1 Analysis and Evaluation Matrix. What do you think are the three most important criteria on this table?

1.

2.

3.

8. We welcome any additional ideas, comments and questions on the Ballard to Downtown Seattle Transit Expansion Study.

Contact information (optional)

Name:

Organization or affiliation (if applicable):

Email address:

 Phone number:

Would you like to be emailed about future updates on the Ballard to Downtown Seattle Transit Expansion Study?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please return this comment form before you leave the meeting, or mail it to us at:

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Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback!